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SALLY FORTH



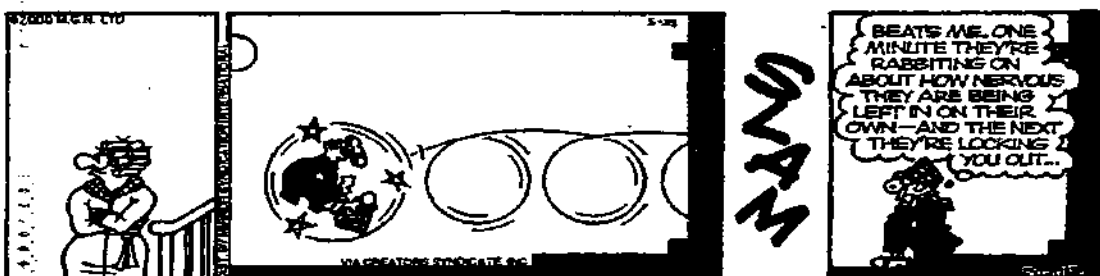
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



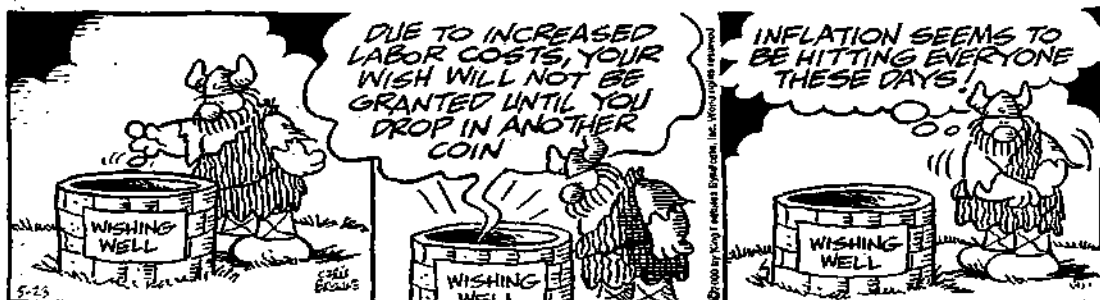
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



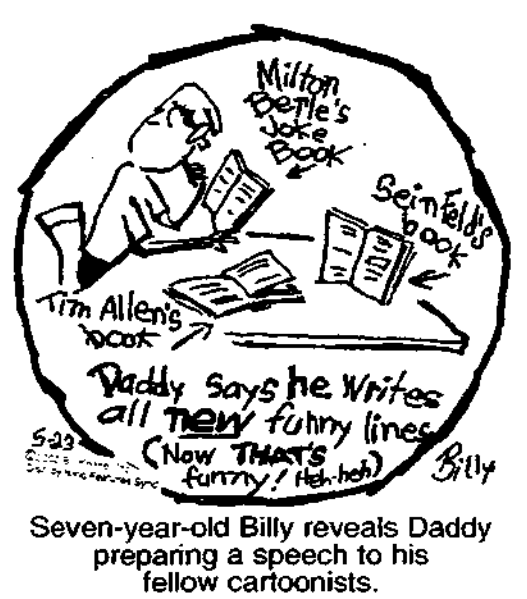
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Bandleader Artie Shaw is 90.
Actress Betty Garrett is 81.
Pianist Alicia de Larrocha is 77.
Bluegrass singer Mac Wiseman is 75.
Singer Rosemary Clooney is 72.
Actor Nigel Davenport is 72.
Actress Barbara Barrie is 69.
Actress Joan Collins is 67.
Actor Charles Kimbrough is 64.
Actress Lauren Chapin is 55.
Country singer Judy Rodman is 49.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE is a word game played on a 15x15 grid. The goal is to make words using the letters on the grid. The letters are arranged in a grid, and the words are made by connecting the letters horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. The words must be at least 4 letters long. The letters are arranged in a grid, and the words are made by connecting the letters horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. The words must be at least 4 letters long.

PAR SCORE 95-105
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scrabble directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Stars" used as any letter have no point value. At Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Warren, Gorham & Lamont, Inc., 1975). Official Scrabble Words (©Judd). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5:00 PM

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

FOR FREE

Y U S Q N L J G G Y E E D C Z
E G N I K N A R F A X C E V T
R S P N L J H A E W C N G E A
Y W U V A T R T P A O A R E N
L K C O M P L I M E N T A R Y
I G E C H B A S Z V O I H F X
C O S T L E S S W I B R C T U
T U O D N A H T S G O E N O S
E I B E E R F T R P R H U C O
M R O F D I A P N U P N L S J
I G E E G R A H C O N I D B A

Monday's unlisted clue: GRAVESITE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A PRESENT

A pass Freebie Inheritance Scott-free
Complimentary Giveaway No charge Uncharged
Costless Gratis On the house Unpaid for
Franking Handout Pro bono

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, May 24

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) All it takes is a positive attitude to get through the day.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have the power to influence many kinds of people today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Everything is a bit confusing when the Moon moves through the house of Aquarius.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be prepared for problems to arise where you least expect them today.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Try not to speak today until the other person is finished with what they have to say.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You might meet someone today who is quite intriguing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Fix your past so you can move into the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) This is a good time for you to implement new ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Putting a tighter budget into place eliminates a lot of your financial worries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You have the opportunity to impress someone you've had your eye on today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You don't have many choices today. Just remember tomorrow is another day.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your efforts are impressive, but you might need to ask for help from a professional.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South took the club finesse at trick one. It lost to East's king. East switched to the heart 10 to trap South's jack, and there was no escape.

South's jack lost to West's king, and a heart return established another heart winner for East. Later South lost a diamond trick, sending the game one down. East deserves credit for switching to the heart 10, since leading low would not have worked. South would have ducked to dummy's nine, and the defense would have scored only one heart winner.

However, South provided East with the rope that hanged him. Instead of finessing in clubs at trick one, he should have won the ace. At trick two, he leads a low diamond to his queen and West's king, and West leads a club to East's king. East switches to the heart 10 as before, but it doesn't help. South wins, cashes one trump, leads a diamond to dummy's ace, and ruffs a diamond. Overcoming the 4-2 break, South leads a trump to dummy to ruff another diamond, establishing dummy's fifth diamond. Another trump to dummy draws the last trump, and South discards a heart on dummy's long diamond. He loses one trick in each side suit, giving him 10 winners and his contract.

NORTH

A Q J 9

K 5 4

A 8 7 6 5

A Q

WEST

A 5 4 2

K 6 2

K 3

J 8 6 4 2

EAST

A 3

Q 10 8 7

J 10 9 2

K 10 9 5

SOUTH

A K 10 8 7 6

A J 3

Q 4

K 7 3

Vulnerable: North-South

Dealer: North

The bidding:

North East South West

1 Pass 1 Pass

2 Pass 4 All pass

Opening lead: Club four

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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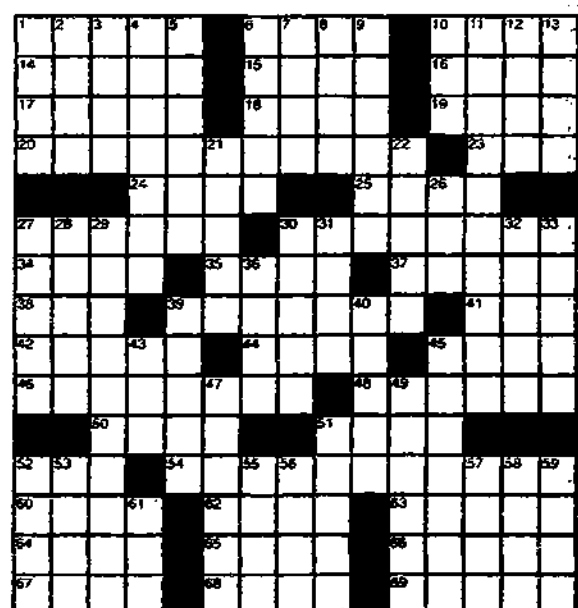
- ACROSS
- Big mess
 - Kind of awareness
 - Stick of gum, informally
 - Kissinger's boss, once
 - Composer Stravinsky
 - Sport with mallets
 - Dead to the world
 - "Peter Pan" pooch
 - Folk singer Guthrie
 - Fortune teller's art
 - In a funk
 - German car
 - Big beer buy
 - City southeast of Rome
 - International trade spot
 - Goofs
 - Author Ferber
 - Rubbecker
 - "Wheel of Fortune" buy
 - Theme of this puzzle
 - Bard's "before"
 - Its mouth is nowhere near its head
 - Feline line
 - High-fiber food
 - Shoreline
 - Martha's Vineyard, e.g.
 - Roger Rabbit, for one
 - Birth
 - "Norma" (field film)
 - Summer arctic phenomenon
 - Actor Guinness
 - Vegetarian's no-no
 - Sky-blue
 - It comes easily to hand
 - Dismounted
 - Hang loose
 - Rung
 - Easter flower
 - Not for minors

DOWN

- Barber's motion
- La (weather worry)
- Figure skater's jump
- Black-tie affairs
- "That's a lie!"
- Red Sea peninsula
- "Holy cow"
- Burr's ex
- Médoc wine source
- Tax expert, for short
- Oater
- First name in jazz
- Golf club
- Ford folly
- The Jets and the Sharks
- Bathroom installation
- Draws nigh
- Palmer with an army
- Sam Spade, e.g.
- Beginning
- El Tex
- Showed again

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SILO SERUM NOODS
ARAB ARUBA ABEL
CONJUGATOR VILE
KNEES KATFIELD
SYSTEMS THUG
DALE ARAFAT
ORAL GUNS STARR
LOOT IRAQI OREO
ABETS SCUD READ
VENICE TIES
GAGA GAMPPOP
MACARONI OHARA
ALIT INSTIGATOR
TOTO SOLAR SENT
SEER MYERS EROS



Puzzle by Nancy Salomon and Sherry O. Buckard

- Poll revelation
- Tanners catch them
- Goos
- Where to find a hero
- It's at your fingertip
- "Star Trek" helmsman
- Russian river
- Doctor's office call
- Speeder stopper

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